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CIA ACTIVITIES ON THE CHECK LIST OPERATION

- November 1948  
19 August 1949
- 22 August to 9 September 1949
- 12 September 1949  
15 September to 26 September 1949
- 26 September 1949  
30 September to 13 October 1949  
14 October to 1 November 1949
- 7 November 1949
- 7 November to 15 November 1949  
19 November to 29 November 1949
- 5 December 1949
- 7 December  
8 December to 13 December 1949
- 13 December 1949
- 14 December 1949 to 3 January 1950
- 11 January 1950
- 17 January 1950
- 26 January

Proposal first circulated, for limited use.  
State inquired at IAC meeting re a Watch Committee.

Preparation of draft memorandum issued by DCI 26 September 1949.

Approval of draft memorandum by DCI.  
Interviews with top members of IAC intelligence staff to explain nature, operations, limitations of Check List.

DCI issues memorandum to IAC members.  
Check List Officers nominated by IAC agencies.  
Internal procedures set up in CIA and Check List needs discussed with CIA Offices (OCIO, OPC, OSI).

Request sent to all IAC Check List Officers for summaries of available information bearing on Check List indicators falling logically under their purview. This request had a deadline 18 November, shortly after which a meeting was to be held.

Check List Officers nominated by CIA Offices.  
Reports received from Army and Navy; memo from State and Air - in answer to Memo of Nov. 7.

First Check List meeting; basic objectives and informal allocations of primary responsibility discussed, among other things; next meeting set for 11 January 1950.

Memo to Participating agencies.

Interviews with various Check List Officers to discuss possibility of a "Christmas Flap"; all agreed little likelihood.

Memorandum prepared as consensus of Check List opinion that "no flap" was expected - held for use in case an apparent "flap" began during the holidays.

Holidays; one or more Check List Officers were gone during this period.

Meeting postpone due to non-receipt of scientific indicators from OSI for inclusion in the Check List.

Meeting again postponed because revised Check List including OSI's contributions not yet completed. At the time of both these postponements all Check List Officers were contacted and none saw any crisis brewing that would have required a meeting without the new Check List.

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